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The Honorable Mike Mansfield The United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Manufield:

The President has asked me to arrange for a briefing tegether of you, Senator Russell, and Senator Fulbright on a study which the Agency has just finished entitled "The Vietnamese Communiste" Will to Persist". I would judge that to do the findings justice would require thirty minutes.

Inasmoh as I was unable to reach either you or Senator Russell this afterneon, I am taking this device for drawing the matter to your attention promptly on Tuesday morning. Would you please be kind enough to let me know by telephone when you would like me to meet with the three of you. Should you want me to make the arrangements with the other two Senators, please let me know the time convenient to you and I will proceed accordingly.

Respectfully yours,

Vs/ Richard Helms

Richard Helms Director

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